

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the RedRossa Conference Center, 808 W. Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CST), to consider amendment of the following rule pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:61:06 – Mountain Lion Hunting Season (Allow use of dogs to hunt mountain lions outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District).

Effect: The proposed amendment would allow dogs to be used to hunt mountain lions year round in all areas of the state located outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

Reason: An interested party submitted a petition to the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission requesting the proposed rule amendment. The primary reason advanced for adoption of the proposed amendment is to enable houndsmen in South Dakota to respond to landowner requests to locate and remove mountain lions which are posing a threat to the landowner or his property. It is the position of the proponents that such a rule amendment will help landowners and improve hunter-landowner relationships.

The above rule proposal may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to either wildinfo@state.sd.us or gfpadminrules@state.sd.us. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions,

arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. on the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposal is available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rule may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014.





Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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